

# ***“Keeping in Touch”***

Quarterly Newsletter by/for  
Fish & Game Retirees/Families and  
Interested Former Employees

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## **Dates to Remember**

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**Retiree Luncheon  
Schedule  
Golden Corral  
on Emerald in Boise  
11:30 a.m.**

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**2016  
May 12  
July 14  
September 8  
November 10**

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**Panhandle  
Coffee Breaks  
First Tuesday  
of Each Month**

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**Mark Your Calendars**

## **Fourth Annual Fish and Game Kokanee Fishing Tournament**

**April 22, 2016**

*By Jim Fredericks*

**Hear ye, Hear ye**

To all you valued IDFG (and PSMFC) employees, whether you be a seasoned veteran, a new recruit, or happily retired: Take note of this call to the anglers amongst you.

Be you a journeyman, a layman, a maybe or a wannabe, your time is at hand. So fire up your outboards, oil up your reels, change the rotten monofilament from yesteryear and get ready for a day of friendly but fierce competition, camaraderie, and outdoor adventure followed by a salmon BBQ in the park (details to follow). No boat? No rod? No maggots? No experience? Don't fret, we will endeavor to accommodate all who are interested (at least with maggots). See the attached flier and contact Cristy in the fisheries bureau. This year, as in the past, to encourage interaction between people from different regions/bureaus, only 2 members of a 3-person team may be from a the same bureau/region. Also, as in the past, teams will receive "bonus ounces" for NEOT membership. In a nod to "rule simplification" no other bonus/penalty ounces will be awarded/assessed.

So get those teams together. If you have a spot on your boat, please let Cristy know. Oh.....and remember.....**it's all in the name!**

(All the Tournament information you need is  
attached to this newsletter. JJF)

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payable to  
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sent to the above address.**

**50 Years of  
Idaho Public Television**

*Royce Williams*, former Information & Education news-writer, etc., has been very busy putting together all the 50 years of Public TV "Telling Idaho's Stories." Of course, it includes Idaho Department of Fish and Game's involvement with "Outdoor Idaho" and more. I strongly suggest that you check out the website at: IdahoPTV.org and click on 50 Years of Idaho Public Television "Telling Idaho's Stories" and I'm sure you will be glad you did! *(Great work, Royce! I thoroughly enjoyed going back to the better times! — JJF)*

**New Retirees —  
Welcome!!!**

**\*Blake Phillips**, Enforcement Asst. Chief will retire May 21 after 36 years of service.

**\*Rick Lowell**, Fish Hatcheries Supervisor (Complex Manager) is retiring March 25<sup>th</sup> after 34 years of service.

Also, we welcome former IDFG Cons. Officer **David McMullen** who worked for the department from April 1967 until November 1973. He served mainly in Wallace, with short periods in Weiser and as Regional Enforcement Specialist in Idaho Falls. He left IDFG to take a Special Agent position with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service until retirement in 2001. Dave lives in Tigard, Oregon now. Welcome

to the Retirees/Formers  
Employees Group!! Enjoy!!

**Thank You!**

Thank you, **Marge and Martin Luther**, for your very generous donation for the newsletter. The newsletter balance now is \$1,128.60. That should keep us going for quite some time.

**Panhandle Region  
Retirees Take  
Coffee Break!!**

**Jack McNeel** is passing along the following information to all of you who might be in the area to stop in for a cup of coffee.

"A few IDFG retirees in the Panhandle Region have gotten together over coffee once a month for the past two months to reconnect, reminisce, and just generally share whatever is going on in their lives. It's been fun and plans are to continue to do this on the First Tuesday of the month. We plan to continue this and want all retirees to know that they're welcome and we'd love to have them join us. We've been meeting at a small cafe a mile north of Hayden. Anyone interested can call me and I'll provide better directions. My phone is: 719-0055."

*(I'm going to make a trip North one of these days and I will be sure to drop in and "haunt" you folks! — JJF)*

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## Retiree Updates

After mailing out the last newsletter info, **Dale Baird's** e-mail came back undeliverable. So, I wrote him a note and he no longer has e-mail and is on my mailing list. He said he is enjoying Arizona and golfing a lot. Keep it up, Dale! Good to hear from you.

Well, here is some good news! **Kent Ball** is now back home in Salmon. On April 7, 2015, Kent was flown to Boise from Salmon barely alive. He spent several months in rehab units in Boise and Nampa, then transferred to the Veterans Hospital in Boise. He had lost a foot, among many other problems, and was fitted with a prosthesis. Kent's son, Travis, transported him back to Salmon March 1, 2016. He still has a ways to go and will have home care for nine weeks and will receive more therapy.

Through all his hardships and challenges, Kent always was upbeat and never gave up. He was nice enough while recovering to record several CDs of "good old classic country" music for me. Thanks, Kent. And don't get too frisky in that new wheelchair of yours!!!

## In Memoriam

**Keith Lowell Hawn**  
1928 - 2016

**Keith Lowell Hawn**, 87, passed away on January 12 at Hospice House in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Keith was born in Pendleton, Oregon. Keith served in the U.S. Army in the Korean War. Upon his return, he married Erline and they moved to Corvallis, Oregon, where he finished school under the GI Bill. This led to a 30-year career with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. He was well known for his sense of humor and his kindness and peace that uplifted every living soul he crossed paths with.

Keith and Erline raised four children while living in many places, including Mackey, Burley and Lewiston before moving to Sandpoint, Idaho in 1970. Keith retired from the department in 1970.

Keith was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Erline; parents Arthur and Carmel Hawn; and brother Richard Hawn. He is survived by his daughter Susan Hawn-Smith (Harold) of Sandpoint; son Lowell Hawn (Hwa Cha) of Careywood; daughter Carmel Hawn of Kalaheo, Hawaii; daughter Laurie Sheldon (Dave) of Edmonds, Washington; two grandchildren and one great-grandson.

**Randall BeVier**  
"Randy" Smith  
1952-2016

**Randall "Randy" Smith**, 63, of Jerome passed away February 4, 2016 in Twin Falls after a short but courageous battle with cancer. He was born on

July 2, 1952 in Denver, Colorado, the son of John and Joan Smith.

Randy grew up in Ohio but his heart belonged in the West and after graduating from Worthington High School he moved to Logan, Utah to attend Utah State University. He earned his Masters Degree in wildlife ecology in 1983 and in 1984 he began his job working for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

As a Biologist and Regional Wildlife Manager for IDFG, Randy dedicated his life to managing and protecting Idaho's wildlife. Throughout his career, Randy was recognized for his calm professionalism and hard work, earning Employee of the Year twice, the Charles E. Harris Professional Wildlifer and Outstanding Administrator awards from The Wildlife Society, and the Robert L. Patterson award for contributions to sage grouse conservation. Randy also dedicated his time to mentoring numerous new biologists and was known and respected for his efforts at restoring native grouse populations. After 30 years, Randy retired in 2014.

Randy is survived by his mother Joan Smith; his sisters Sharon (Tom) Brock and Kathie (Mal) Moore; his daughter Stacey (Mark) Lau; his sons Colin and Corey Smith; and three grandchildren.

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Randy requested no memorial services; instead his family and friends will spread his ashes in locations that hold special memories for them. Also, the family requests that donations be made in Randy's name to the Idaho Nongame Wildlife Fund, P.O. Boise, ID 83707.

### Bill J Davidson 1933 - 2016

**Bill Davidson** passed away suddenly March 3, 2016 in Pocatello. He was born October 6, 1933, in St. Anthony, to CC and Mary Davidson. They named him William Joseph because Mary wanted a boy she could call Willy-Joe, but the name never stuck: everyone called him Billy, then just Bill. Bill grew up on a riverfront farm below Ashton dam, attended school in Ashton, and graduated from North Fremont High School in 1951. His family and Fremont County gave him his love for wildlife.

After a year at the University of Idaho, he sought life skills and a European vacation. His Army service 1952-56 was to post-war restoration Germany in the 17th Armored Engineers. The Army reinforced his sense of duty and character, and gave him skills he'd never use again: bridge repair, fortification demolition, cooking with C4 explosives, and German drinking songs. Bill returned to Moscow, taking

advice to do what he'd love, earning a BS in Wildlife Management. Idaho Fish and Game hired him in 1960.

He and his family lived in Malad, Pinehurst, Salmon, then 43 years in Pocatello. He was a fisheries manager, a conservation officer, a big game biologist, and regional manager. In his words, Bill was lucky enough to float the Middle Fork of the Salmon four times, fly above deer and elk range, trap and tag wildlife, swap hunting and fishing stories with everyone he met, and drive the Idaho backroads, "and they paid me to do it!!!" Bill's passion, knowledge and focus for wildlife opened doors and forged partnerships with sportsmen, tribal leaders, environmentalists, politicians, farmers and ranchers.

Among his projects, Bill reintroduced wild turkeys into eastern Idaho, and transplanted mountain goats from Idaho into the Olympics in Washington. Washington police gave him a full motorcade escort to rush his precious cargo through city traffic, ending with officers meekly asking "can we see them before you go?"

At first glance, Bill had a bureaucrat's resume, but wildlife was the common thread. He served on Idaho Rivers United, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, INL's Citizen Advisory Board, Ducks Unlimited, the

Idaho Wildlife Council, Three Rivers RC&D, Bannock Waterways Committee, and the City of Pocatello Open Space Committee. He measured antlers for Boone & Crockett and Pope and Young. He is one of the founders of Idaho Conservation League and the Sagebrush Steppe Regional Land Trust.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Jim (Lucille) Davidson, and two older sisters, Elizabeth Kidd Morgan (Ashton, Salmon) and Eileen Davidson (Seattle). He is survived by his best friend and beloved wife of 54 years, Jean Davidson; brothers Edward (Ellen) Davidson, Salt Lake City, and John (Vickie) Davidson, Idaho Falls; his baby sister Paula (Gene) Christiansen, Pocatello; three children: Marjanna (Barry) Hulet, Pocatello, Darryl (Adrien) Davidson, Idaho Falls, and Darryn Davidson, Los Angeles; and his five grandchildren.

Friends can honor his memory best with donations to Sagebrush Steppe Regional Land Trust, and with redoubled efforts to remove "That Damn Ditch" through the middle of Pocatello.

Our deepest sympathies to all the families.

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## **2016 Birthdays/Anniversaries of IDFG Retirees/Former Employees**

**\*Current Employees**

### **April Birthdays**

Linn French\*, April 1  
Dan Duggan, April 5  
Mike Todd, April 6  
Dale Turnipseed, April 7  
Royce Williams, April 10

### **May Birthdays**

Don Wright, May 1  
Jerry Mallet, May 5  
Stanley (Bob) Moore, May 6  
Corinne Barlow, May 7  
Ray Greene, May 21  
Eric Stansbury\*, May 23  
Paul Hanna, May 25  
Milt Williams, May 26  
Ruth Stemper, May 27  
Bill Goodnight May 29  
Tom Abel, May 29  
Russ Kozacek, May 31

### **June Birthdays**

Larry Smith, June 6  
Walt Browne, June 6  
Terry Williams, June 7  
Walt Arms, June 9  
Al Kiler, June 13  
Bob Bell, June 13  
Dexter Pitman, June 16  
Roger Olson, June 17  
Jack Trueblood, June 18  
Joan Trueblood, June 27  
Vaughn Brauer, June 27  
Larry Miller, June 27  
Don Stucker, June 27

### **May Anniversaries**

Rod & Lanore Parker, May 8, 51 years  
Jody & George Taylor, May 15, 51 years  
Bob & Betty Jane Royce, May 26, 50 years  
Pam & Rod Sommer, May 19  
Brad & Julie Christensen, May 23, 61 years

### **June Anniversaries**

Eldon Anglen & wife, June 8, 3 year

### **A Note from the "OLD" Editor:**

If you find any mistakes on this page, please let me know.  
During one of my "Senior Moments" I couldn't remember if I updated this list! — JJF

# Blake Phillips - 36 years



*Please join us as we honor Blake's 36 years of hard work  
& dedication to his job, family and friends.*

**Saturday, April 16, 2016**

**2:00 pm**

**Trophy Room - IDFG HQ**

**600 S. Walnut, Boise, ID**

**Dutch Oven Dinner — \$8 per adult; \$5 per child 5-11; under 5 free**

**Chicken, potatoes, salad, rolls, chocolate sheet cake  
bottled water, lemonade, tea**



**Please send your payment:** through Department mail to Nancy Swain, Enforcement or  
by mail to: IDFG, Attn: Enforcement, 600 S. Walnut, PO Box 25, Boise, ID 83707 **by April 1, 2016.**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Guest(s) Name** \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ I / We will attend the dinner. I have enclosed \$8 per adult; \$5 per child 5-11; under 5 free.
- ☐ I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ towards a gift for Blake.
- ☐ I will not be able to attend the dinner but have included \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for Blake's gift.
- ☐ I would like to make a formal presentation during the program. (Please attach details)

*Make checks payable to Nancy Swain*



# Fourth Annual Fish and Game Kokanee Fishing Tournament

## April 22, 2016

The Fisheries Bureau is soliciting teams to participate in the fourth annual F&G and PSMFC employee's kokanee tournament. We would also like to invite all staff, retirees and their families to the salmon barbecue and pot luck following the tournament weigh-in.

### Participants-

- All anglers must be current IDFG employees, IDFG affiliated PSMFC employees, or IDFG retirees.
- Teams are limited to a maximum of 3 anglers. Boats may include non-team members; however, non-team members may not participate directly in fishing activities, including netting, beyond operating the boat. Non-team members are not required to be employees or retirees.
- **No more than two anglers on any team may work in the same IDFG bureau or in the same regional office.**
- For the purposes of team affiliation in this tournament, Bureaus are defined as: **Directors Office, Fisheries, Wildlife, Enforcement, Communications, Engineering, Administration, and IS.** (The Directors Office includes; IFWF, Legal, and HR staff. PSMFC employees are included in the "Fisheries Bureau").
- Retirees are not restricted by any previous bureau affiliation and may be teamed with any employees. No more than 2 retirees per team.

### Entry Fee:

- \$30 per boat if paid by April 15, 2016. Team captain is responsible for team entry fee.
- \$50 per boat if paid after April 15, 2016. (Form and fee submitted to Fisheries Bureau front office staff).
- All teams must have a team name declared at the time of entry.
- Any violation of the "participant rules" above may result in disqualification
- Any violation of "tournament rules" below may result in disgrace and banishment from future events

### Rules:

- All Idaho Fish and Game fishing rules apply.
- Tournament limited to Lucky Peak and Arrowrock Reservoirs.
- Kokanee are the only fish that will be counted in the tournament.
- All kokanee caught and not immediately released will be counted and weighed in, no sorting.
- Angling may commence any time after 5:00 am, April 22, 2016.
- All anglers must be in the HQ parking lot for weigh-in no later than 3 PM on April 22, 2016.
- All kokanee weighed-in will be donated to the salmon barbecue directly following the tournament weigh-in at F&G headquarters.
- Winning teams will be determined by total weight of kokanee harvested by that team.
- **Any team with one or more team members participating in the 2016 NEOT will receive a bonus of 12 ounces added to the total weight of their team's catch for each NEOT participant.**
- Weight of fish may not be artificially enhanced. Fish may be subjected to X-ray surveillance.

### Prizes:

- ½ of the entry fee will be used to award prizes and ½ of the entry fee will be awarded to the HQ Fun Committee to be used at their discretion.
- Team prize(s) will be awarded based on the heaviest total combined catch (maximum of 18 kokanee).
- Individual prize(s) will be awarded for the largest single kokanee (determined by length).

**Find a Team:** If you are a boat captain looking for anglers, know a boat captain willing to host a team, or an interested angler looking for a boat to fish on, contact Cristy Mosset in the Fisheries Bureau for assistance. Cristy may be reached at 287-2776, or [cristy.mosset@idfg.idaho.gov](mailto:cristy.mosset@idfg.idaho.gov).